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INVOLUNTARY IMMIGRANT: A STORY OF REFUGE AND RESILIENCE

Samantha Jallah knows the power of an education. As the founder of Liberian Awards, a non-profit organization that mentors and serves immigrant and minority students, she strives to introduce youth to the pioneers who have gone before them and pair them with others who have used education to be successful. The organization also helps to financially support students and encourage them in their endeavors.

Her story, however, begins very differently. Born in Liberia, Samantha and her family were forced to flee a country torn by civil war. As refugees their journey led them to Ghana, Senegal and eventually United States. With the strong support of family members and many trials and errors, Samantha earned a degree in biology from California University of Pennsylvania followed by an MBA with a health care management concentration from American International University and a law degree from Penn State Dickinson School of Law. Her careers have been varied and her story of immigration is one of great interest in today's climate.

Please join us for the March 27th branch meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the side rooms of Holland Union Building to hear Samantha's story.

Cindy Sutton
Program Chair

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon.	March 5	1:00p.m.	Book Group	Virginia Mueller
Wed.	March 7	1:00 - 3:00	Public Policy Committee Meeting	
Tues.	March 13	7:00	Board Meeting	Bosler Library
Thurs.	March 15	3:00 - 5:30PM	Project Share - AAUW Voter Registration	
Tues.	March 27	7:00p.m.	Branch Meeting	Holland Union Bldg

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/16/2018 2:30 p.m. Fair District PA Rally in Harrisburg. Watch for additional details!
- 4/17/2018 7:00 p.m. Topic Talk--Title IX Acting CASD Superintendent Christina Spielbauer discussion leader
Location: Nancy Sigris't House
- 4/20/2018 Equal Pay Day (watch for member upcoming details)
- 5/15/2018 7:00 p.m. Topic Talk - Deeper in Debt with Peggy Jennings as discussion leader
Location Nancy Sigris't House

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recently you received an email from AAUW with a video message from AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown, J.D., and AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches speaking about the upcoming national dues increase. This \$10 increase—first increase in ten years—was announced in June 2017. This change is jarring for some, so it is receiving a lot of attention leading up to the annual membership renewal process. The video and other related information can be found [here](#).

Change provides an opportunity to reflect and evaluate. So, AAUW Carlisle will use this as an opportunity to explore AAUW and what it means to be a member. Articles in past newsletters explored what the national membership “buys” (August), AAUW’s collaboration with Newseum (September), and Legal Advocacy Fund (October). In the months ahead, we all will have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

For me personally, I wouldn’t have joined AAUW if there wasn’t a strong national organization providing a foundation for our work locally. The expertise, resources, tools mean we have someone to call or a template to use or how-to guide instead of starting from scratch. National makes our work locally possible.

Finally, I want to make sure you know of the special activities occurring in our last three branch meetings of this fiscal year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend each of them.

March 27 Presentation of this year’s recipient of the Gateway to Equity award. This award recognizes a local person or organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls.

April 24 Scholarship Banquet to award the AAUW Carlisle Branch Higher Education Scholarship/s and hear from the recipients. Also, annual election of officers.

May 22 Celebration is the theme as we install new officers and present the AAUW Carlisle member awards Outstanding Woman, Member Making a Difference, and Named Gift Honoree.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ann Pehle

AAUW-PA State Conference

When women get involved...the conversation changes

Join AAUW Carlisle members at the state conference April 13-15, 2018 at Seven Springs Resort.

Click [here](#) for agenda and conference and hotel registration.

Next Conference isn’t until 2020.

Members registered are: Carolyn Freberg, Pat Markowski, Sue Royer.

Want to share a room and/or carpool? Send an email to aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com to be added to the list and receive the names of other interested members to make your own arrangements.

AAUW-PA ANNUAL ELECTIONS

At the Annual Meeting held at the State Conference April 13-15, the following will be voted on: Officer elections, proposed Bylaws changes, and proposed AAUW-PA Public Policy Priorities. If you are not attending the conference, you may vote absentee—either by paper ballot or online. Complete instructions, candidate profiles, proposed Bylaw changes and the Public Policy Priorities can be found [here](#). Make your voice heard by voting.

VOTER REGISTRATION HOPE STATION BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL

Our voter registration table was busy at the Hope Station Black History Festival on February 24th. Jenifer Johnson, Carolyn Freberg, Kate Elkins and Ann Pehle were joined by members of the Hope Station Women’s Group. Our combined efforts registered X voters and shared election information with countless others. For the full story and to learn about our collaboration with Hope Station, click [here](#).

2018 BRINGS ANOTHER YEAR OF PUBLIC POLICY ACTION!

AAUW CARLISLE PARTNERS WITH PROJECT SHARE

AAUW understands the importance of the ballot box to our democracy and works diligently to “Get Out the Vote”. We have orchestrated various voter registration opportunities by partnering with local community groups and events in our community. Our newest Voter Registration event is with Project Share in Carlisle.

On March 15th, we will have a Voter Registration table set up at Project Share from 3:00 – 5:30 PM. Our goal is to offer this service for Project Share clients participating in the Project Share Food Distribution Day.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Nancy Sigrist at (717)462-6664 or ncsigrist@gmail.net.

TITLE IX IN GRADES K-12: PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE HOPES TO SPUR A TOPIC TALK DISCUSSION!

A “Dear Colleague” letter from the Obama administration (U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, 2010) made it clear to schools that any harassment motivated by a student’s gender is considered unlawful under Title IX. This guidance was subsequently eliminated under the current administration. What impact has this shift made from a practical standpoint for school administrators and from the perspective of young female students working on their educations in our local schools?

AAUW Carlisle’s Topic Talk Program provides an opportunity for members and their guests to learn about and discuss specific public policy topics in a smaller group setting much like a book club discusses a book. Please join us for a discussion about Title IX in grades K through 12. Learn more about Title IX, the objectives and how it impacts our students, their teachers and administrators.

We are excited to have Christina Spielbauer as our Discussion Leader for this event. Spielbauer, who was recently appointed Superintendent of the Carlisle Area School District, has been dedicated to public education for more than 20 years. She began her career in the classroom as a middle school special education teacher gaining more and more responsibility throughout her career. She further serves the community as a volunteer in several organizations to include working as a board member for the United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, the DREAM partnership (which provides post-secondary learning opportunities for Intellectually Disabled students to attend colleges and universities in Pennsylvania), Hope Station and the local chapter for Special Olympics. Ms. Spielbauer earned her Bachelor’s Degree in elementary and special education from Duquesne University, her Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Shippensburg University and her Superintendent’s Letter of Eligibility from Shippensburg University.

Here are the event details:

What: Title IX in Grades K-12: What is happening and what is the impact?

When: Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM

Where: Home of Nancy Sigrist, 216 Taunton Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013

Other: Casual dress; light refreshments will be served

Members will soon receive an online invitation through Eventbrite, an on-line tool that will enable you to sign-up for this event. Or you may contact Linda Figueroa by calling 717-643-0887 or emailing her at lkfigueroa47@yahoo.com.

Attendees will be provided links to pertinent AAUW research documents and to other short articles to read prior to our meeting. At the meeting, our Discussion Leader will provide some opening remarks and an overview of the subject. Everyone will then join in as she walks us through what we learned as we share our opinions, thoughts and concerns.

Nancy Sigrist
Public Policy Chair

CAMILLE BAUGHMAN

A graduate of Shippensburg University with a degree in elementary education, Camille came to the Carlisle area for her first job at CPARK, working in a residential home for deinstitutionalized adults with developmental disabilities, a group home then located on Louther Street. Continuing her career in social services, in the 1970s she worked for the Appalachian School of Experience on Hanover Street, an institution for adjudicated youth.

In the early 1980s, she took a life-changing trip to visit her sister in Boulder, CO, where she discovered the physical, spiritual and ethical benefits of massage therapy. In 1985 Camille received massage training in Florida, and began a career in massage therapy, eventually starting her own business. In addition, she teaches massage therapy, and has a position on the State Massage Licensing Board.

Camille loves the outdoors, and at the age of 50, hiked the Grand Canyon. She also hiked the Camino in Spain, a miles long spiritual journey as well as a cultural adventure enjoying the friendliness and hospitality of the Spanish people.

Having long admired the mission of AAUW, Camille visited the branch table at the Carlisle Barracks in October and signed up to become a member.

JENIFER JOHNSON

Jenifer is relatively new to the Carlisle area, having just moved two and a half years ago from Columbia, MD with her husband, George. Carlisle is their retirement home, where they live with their two cats, Gimli and Eowyn (Lord of the Rings fans will recognize these unusual names). Their grown daughter lives in Austin, TX.

Jenifer earned a BS in Management from Wright State in Ohio in 1984, although she began her education at Texas Christian in Fort Worth, TX years before.

She worked for several companies in accounting and sales positions early in her career. After the birth of her daughter, she started her own business making miniature furniture. Her interest in archaeology led her to a part-time job at the Naval Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, DC, but after September 2011 the center lost funding, leaving her searching for another part-time position. In an unusual move, Jenifer became Sexton at nearby Christ church buildings erected in 1809.

She has always been interested in genealogy, and through the new on-line tools available, like Ancestry.com, has traced both her and her husband's family histories. Jenifer is half-Australian, and 1/16 Australian Aborigine. Jenifer is also a Mayflower descendent.

Although Jenifer had attended some AAUW meetings years ago with her mother, it was her interaction with Kathleen Gorak that engaged her interest in joining the Carlisle branch at this time. She is particularly interested in getting younger women to become socially and politically involved, and feels AAUW's mission supports and encourages this involvement.

MARY BETH ULRICH

Mary Beth earned a BS in Political Science from the Air Force Academy in 1984, and seven years later, MS and PhD degrees in Political Science. She spent 15 years on active duty for the Air Force, and continued in the Air Force Reserves for another 15 years.

She came to Carlisle in 1999 to teach Political Science courses at the Army War College in the Department of National Security and Strategy. She is also an adjunct professor at Dickinson College.

Mary Beth and her husband Mark have three children, one a senior in college, one a sophomore in college, and the youngest a sophomore at Carlisle High School. They also have an adopted rescue dog, a Chihuahua-Pug mix.

In addition to teaching and family activities, Mary Beth enjoys tennis. She plays in an adult tennis league, and runs a youth tennis league, both coaching and giving tennis lessons.

She is learning more about the core mission of AAUW, particularly the emphasis on girls' education, and likes the local civic involvement the Carlisle Branch is engaged in. She is already volunteering in branch Public Policy activities.

CAROLE DEWALL

Carole grew up in Erie, PA and came to the Carlisle area with her husband, Tom, in 1976. A Penn State graduate with a BA in Elementary Education specializing in Remedial Reading, and an M Ed in Developmental and Remedial Reading, she devoted the first seven years of her work life to teaching reading, four at Lambertson Junior High School in Carlisle.


She left the teaching profession to go into scholastic printing sales, and over time, worked for several printing companies. She eventually went to work for Maple Press where she spent 26 years, ending her career as Project Coordinator for marketing and environmental compliance.

Carole and her husband are both retired, and share their home with two cats, Dexter and Moxie. They also have three grandchildren. Carole is a gardener, and recently took a master gardener course at Penn State. Her garden, mostly ground cover, perennials and vegetables, is a certified pollinator garden. She and her husband also enjoy travel, and are planning a trip to Australia is in the offing.

Always an activist and feminist, she finds the mission of AAUW compelling, and likes the new community activism and volunteer opportunities offered by the Carlisle Branch.

Patricia Markowski
Interviewer

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	Volunteer Opportunity <i>Shaded indicates time sensitive or new opportunity</i>	Time Commitment	Contact
Membership	Greet members/guests as they arrive to branch meetings	30 min prior to meeting	Sue Royer
Membership	Call members to follow-up periodically	2 hours per month	Carolyn Freberg
Membership	Write notes to welcome new members	2 hours per month	Carolyn Freberg
Membership	Assist with gathering member interests (process for new members; ask current members; analyze)	Various	Sue Royer Carolyn Freberg
Public Policy	Become an Education specialist, working on public education issues.	Various	Peggy Jennings
Public Policy	Host a Topic Talks event in your home – either April 17 or May 14. Usually have 15 participants. You provided (non-alcoholic) beverages; snacks provided.	3 hour	Nancy Sigrist
Historian	Take photos at meetings, events for archive and website (Use Office Depot discount card to print photo; submit reimbursement; send via email to Social Media lead)	Various	Rose Smith
Historian	Scrapbook current items for archive (submit reimbursement)	Various	Rose Smith
Programs	Be a branch meeting program chair (work with speaker on program details; write article for newsletter; introduce speaker at meeting; email activity)	5 hours (over months)	Kathleen Gorak Carmen Eiserman
Programs	Be the Audio/Visual expert at branch meetings (understand Dickinson equipment; assist speaker before meeting starts)	30 minutes before a branch meeting	Kathleen Gorak Carmen Eiserman
Interest Groups	Start a second dining group	Various	Wendy Armour Dickinson
Cultural Outings	Research ideas; assist with organizing an event	Various	Don Mowery
Cultural Outings	Coordinate an event from concept through event	Various	Don Mowery
Newsletter	Become the newsletter editor beginning with August 2018 edition.	10 hours monthly	Ann Pehle
Bridge Flight	Coordinate and administer AAUW Bridge Flight	2 hours a month	Ann Pehle
General	Join Pat to create a basket for AAUW-PA State Convention Fundraiser	3 hours now to April 5	Pat Markowski

WELCOME OUR LATEST NEW MEMBERS

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Please add these new members and their information to your yearbooks. When you see them at a meeting they will be sporting a green leaf on their name tags. This is a reminder to make them feel especially welcomed.

*Carolyn Freberg,
Membership V.P.*

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is diligently interviewing 7 applicants for our Higher Education Scholarship. The recipients will be determined and announced to the Board at the meeting on March 13, 2018.

*Lillian Wong
Scholarship Committee Chair*

DID YOU KNOW?

AAUW awards Campus Action Project (CAP) grants to college campus projects that enhance opportunities for women on campus from increasing women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields to engaging students in spoken word to fostering empowerment to closing the leadership gap amongst faculty. To learn about the eleven 2018 grant recipients, click [here](#).

BOOK GROUP

Mrs. Poe
Lynn Cullen
Monday, March 5, 2018, 1 p.m.
Virginia Mueller (Hauto_zat@yahoo.com)

1845: New York City is a sprawling warren of gaslit streets and crowded avenues, bustling with new immigrants and old money, optimism and opportunity, poverty and crime. Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" is all the rage—the success of which a struggling poet like Frances Osgood can only dream. As a mother trying to support two young children after her husband's cruel betrayal, Frances jumps at the chance to meet the illustrious Mr. Poe at a small literary gathering, if only to help her fledgling career. Although not a great fan of Poe's writing, she is nonetheless overwhelmed by his magnetic presence—and the surprising revelation that he admires her work.

What follows is a flirtation, then a seduction, then an illicit affair...and with each clandestine encounter, Frances finds herself falling slowly and inexorably under the spell of her mysterious, complicated lover. But when Edgar's frail wife, Virginia, insists on befriending Frances as well, the relationship becomes as dark and twisted as one of Poe's tales. And like those gothic heroines whose fates are forever sealed, Frances begins to fear that deceiving Mrs. Poe may be as impossible as cheating death itself...

Additional information about the book and the author are online. All branch members are always welcome to attend any book discussion meeting of interest to them. Please call or email the hostess by Friday, March 2, 2018.

AAUW offers the ¡Adelante! Book Club. The March 2018 Selection is:

Senator Hattie Caraway: An Arkansas Legacy
Nancy Hendricks

Hattie Caraway became the first female U.S. Senator by chance. When her husband passed away in 1931, she was appointed to fill his seat. What was supposed to be a temporary honor instead launched a career, as Caraway ran for and won reelection. Ultimately, she served as senator for 12 years — her tenure enduring through the Great Depression and World War II. Through previously unpublished letters and photos, Nancy Hendricks takes readers inside a career that altered the face of the U.S. political landscape.

See the AAUW Website for online discussion.

*Wendy Dickinson
Book Group Chair*

In it for life?

Become a life member by March 15th, before the dues increase

Put your values into action and empower women and girls for generations to come through life membership in AAUW! [Contact us to upgrade from annual to lifetime membership today](#) and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980 before March 15, 2018. [Become a life member today!](#)

**2017-2018 Board Members****Elected Officers**

President – Ann Pehle

Membership VPs – Carolyn Freberg, Sue Royer

Program VPs – Carmen Eiserman, Kathleen Gorak

Finance Officers – Barb Attivo, Mary Long

Secretary – Cindy Sutton

Past President – Linkey Green

Committee Chairpersons

Communications/Interviews – Pat Markowski

AAUW Funds – Marjie Mowery

Historian – Rosemary Smith

Newsletter – Phyllis Orenyo

Social Media – Ann Pehle

Public Policy – Nancy Sigrist

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Yearbook – Carmen Eiserman

Interest Group Coordinators

Book Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Bridge Flight – Mary Berwick

Community Activities – Don Mowery

Gourmet Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Branching Out is published August to June by the AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch. Articles and photos should be submitted to Phyllis Orenyo at cporenyo@yahoo.com or 249-8473 by the 20th of the month. The Board welcomes questions at aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com. The branch website is: <http://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/>.

AAUW Glossary of Terms

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund—The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund was established in 1989 and honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, education and research, and legal and legislative work in equality for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

Fifty-year (Honorary) Life Member—This status was granted by the 1959 Convention to any AAUW member who has been a member for 50 years. No state or national dues are paid; branches decide for themselves whether branch dues are paid.

Give-A-Grad-A-Gift (GGG)—AAUW members can give a free one-year AAUW membership to any graduate in the last year who has earned an associate, bachelor, or higher degree and who is not a regular member of AAUW. AAUW e-SAFs will automatically receive GGG upon graduation.

IRS Annual Tax Return Form—Every AAUW affiliate is required to file a federal tax return. The specific form depends on the annual gross receipts and will be either a 990-N (e-postcard), 990-EZ or 990 form.

Issues—Priority public policy issues for study and action.

Leadership and Programs Fund—part of AAUW Funds including NCCWSL, Campus Action Projects, and Campaign College.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)—AAUW's LAF, a program of the AAUW Funds, provides funding and a support system for discrimination cases that protect women in all workplaces as well as those that arise in an academic context. Funds can be targeted specifically to case support, travel and education grants, and campus outreach programs. Learn more at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources>.

Linkey Green

Scholarship Banquet

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Gather at 6:00

Dinner served at 6:30

Program to start at 7:30

Stern Center 102

Dinner is \$24.00

Parmesan chicken, Broccoli with pecans, Mimosa salad

Chocolate cake, Coffee/tea

If you need gluten free or vegetarian please let us know when you make the reservation

Reservations & payment due by 16 April

Send check and reservation to:

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